

Barracuda Championship

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Truckee, California, USA

Tahoe Mountain Club

Emiliano Grillo

Quick Quotes

Q. Emiliano, excellent day. 17 points. If we can get some comments on your round.

EMILIANO GRILLO: Yeah, just wanted to play today. I left a lot of putts short today. It could have been really good out there. Hit the ball well. Kept the ball in the fairway. Gave myself chances for eagles on the par-5s, which is kind of the key for this format. So today I was able to -- even though I left some short, I was able to make some. Not long putts. Like I say, I was able to get those and I was able to compare those ones. Very happy the way I played the past few days. Hopefully I can continue.

Q. No complaints on that start. Talk about the first three holes.

EMILIANO GRILLO: It was super cold in the morning. Just trying to hit it as long as you can. Trying to stay warm. And I was able to start with, what was it, like nine points, 11 the first three holes. That was key. When you are going off on a good day you want to start good the next round. And I was able to do that today.

Q. Two top 20 finishes at this tournament the last two years. What is it about this format that you like so much?

EMILIANO GRILLO: It just freshens you up a little bit. The score you do is minus three. So that was the high score. So even if you lose a ball or you get in trouble, it's not going to be as bad. So you can be a bit more aggressive. Maybe I need to bring this format into my game every week. So I think it's fun. It gives you more rewards when you're a little bit more aggressive. That's kind of the plan for the week.

Q. A lot of the guys here are looking at the bubble of just trying to get into the playoffs, but you're ranked 42nd. I know you have the TOUR Championship in your sights. Talk about your goals over the next few weeks.

EMILIANO GRILLO: Every year at the beginning of the



year I personally set two goals. And the first one is to get to the championship. And the second one is to win. So unless I don't do that, then I'm just going to continue to doing the same thing.

So I have been criticized about the Olympics. One of my goals is to win a major. TOUR Championship gives you a chance to play in them all, all the championships. So again my first goal for the year is to get into the TOUR Championship. It's one of those things that I have my eye on.

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